

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 704

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of John Charles Wilson of Arlington to the State Forestry Commission.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-201, provides for the creation of a State Forestry Commission within the Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-201, further provides that the Governor shall appoint seven members to the commission; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed John Charles Wilson of Arlington to the State Forestry Commission, as a representative of conservation organizations, for a term that commenced August 7, 2017, and expires June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, John Charles Wilson comes from a 120-year family farm lineage and was active in full-time production farming for thirty years in partnership with his father on Wilson and Wilson Farms of Arlington, before joining Agricenter International, which he served as president from 2001 to 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson has been an advocate for conservation stewardship in the State of Tennessee for forty years; he has been involved in the Shelby County Soil Conservation District since 1979; in 1986, he served as chairman of the Tennessee State Soil Conservation Committee, and in the 1990s, he served as president of the Tennessee Association of Conservation Districts and a council member of the National Association of Conservation Districts; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1990s, Mr. Wilson was appointed by Governor Don Sundquist to serve on the State of Tennessee Water Quality Control Board; he is an active member of the

Memphis Agricultural Club, Tennessee and American Soybean Association, and West Tennessee No-Till Farmers Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson is a person of integrity whose benevolence, acumen, and strong commitment to public service have helped to enhance the well-being of this State and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-201, provides that each member appointed by the Governor to the State Forestry Commission shall be confirmed by the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of John Charles Wilson to the State Forestry Commission for a term that commenced August 7, 2017, and expires June 30, 2022.